



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 26, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“The County of Los Angeles is receiving many complaints about D&D Cremation Services, located in Vernon, and allegations about their processing operation for deceased animals. Members of the public claim that D&D Cremation Services is processing animal carcasses into agricultural food that is eventually fed to animals that we eat. These claims have stemmed from a fundraising letter by DELTA Rescue, a nonprofit animal rescue organization.

“The County has a sole source contract with D&D Cremation Services to dispose of approximately 80,000 dead animals taken each year from County shelters. D&D Cremation Services provides this service to all of the animal agencies in six Southern California counties.

“The primary regulator of this company is the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Supposedly, this is a heavily regulated operation. Nonetheless, the County of Los Angeles has an obligation to ensure the public health and safety of our residents.”

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Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Antonovich and on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board directed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the State Department of Food and Agriculture requesting a full investigation of D&D Cremation Services regarding allegations that the company is processing animal carcasses into agricultural food that is eventually fed to animals used for human consumption, and to provide the County with a copy of the results.

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Director of Health Services
- Director of Animal Care and Control

Letter sent to:

- Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture